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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

19 November 1952

General Counsel

Items for the Daily Log - 19 November (Wednesday)

(PROBLEMS RE VARIOUS - - -)

1. Mr. Saunders and I saw Mr. Lyle Fisher, General Counsel to the Comptroller General on problems arising in connection with our proposed legislation and related matters. We asked, among other things, for informal comment on the possibility that we might put additional people in one area of the Agency on unvouchered funds on the grounds of efficiency and economy rather than security, which had been our normal criterion. He felt that this was a matter for good judgment and would have no question if the decision were made on sound basis. In my opinion, technically the Comptroller General has no legal authority to object to such a transfer, but in all of our dealings with his office, with one exception, we have used security as a basis for using unvouchered funds rather than vouchered and we feel that discussion of these points greatly increases the trust and confidence which Mr. Fisher has shown in our administration of our authorities. Consequently, I am pleased that he agrees with our approach.

3. We discussed various other points concerning our legislation with Mr. Fisher, General Counsel of the Comptroller General, and particularly such matters as attending the leave law, exemptions from the Efficiency Rating Act, and the payment of attorneys. Mr. Fisher said he might or might not be in on the coordination by the Bureau of the Budget, but in all probability he would be requested for comments from the Committees of Congress. Consequently, he appreciated the advance briefing and felt that there would be no objection from his office to any of the legislative proposals.

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